

Scouting in Runnymede



The 23rd World Scout Jamboree will be held from Tuesday 28th July until Saturday 8th August 2015 at Kirara-hama, Yamaguchi City, Yamaguchi Prefecture, Japan. The selection process for Surrey Team leaders has been complete. Congratulations to Dave BREAKWELL and Harriet MAHOOD who were successful in the process.

Now down to business in Runnymede. We have been allocated two places for young people to attend the Jamboree. This is less than before as the event is smaller therefore all contingents are allocated fewer places. Young people born between 28th July 1997 and 27th July 2001 are eligible to be a participant. All nominations must be submitted to GSLs and the selection team by Friday 26th July. This is earlier than usual but will enable District to meet the October deadline set for selection. County Unit events will commence before the end of 2013. ESLs & GSLs have been sent more information and application forms.

Once Japan has fixed its cost in July the UK will set its participant rate. This jamboree will be more expensive than those in recent years and likely to be in the region of £3,000 to £4,000. District will pay half of the rate and the rest has to be paid by the participant in conjunction with fund raising by their Unit/Group.

The Jamboree Programme is comprised of Global Village Development, Exploring Nature, Cross Roads of Culture, City of Science, Community Projects, Water Activities and a Peace Programme. The Peace Programme will reflect upon the fact that 2015 is the 70th anniversary of the atomic bombing of cities in Japan. Participants may visit the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park including the museum. In addition, there will be a Peace Memorial Ceremony with the possibility for representative Scouts to attend the Hiroshima Ceremony.

This Jamboree promises to be an excellent experience for those attending and a fantastic opportunity to meet Scouts from throughout the world and make new friends. Any further information please contact your leader, GSL and or me.

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Runnymede Cubs get SCRAM'ed!



On a very windy Saturday in June, 140 cubs and 40 leaders from around the District assembled at Cranleigh Showground for SCRAM 2013. They joined over 2,000 Cubs from all over Surrey for a day of activities and crafts, ranging from giant slides, climbing walls, flight simulators and many, many more. All the leaders from around the county worked hard to ensure they had an amazing day to remember. There was even a bit of a 'Fenton' moment when the guy doing the birds of prey display lost one of his birds – chasing pigeons or scared off by the Cubs running for the simulator queue, I wonder which one. He got it back in one piece some time later, unlike our gazebos, which didn't survive and ended the day bent and buckled in the skip!

Gareth Jenkins DCSL.

Secretary Notes

If you are holding on to any Occasional Helper/ Adult application/renewal forms without VERSION 2 or later on the front, please destroy them. GSL's can get later forms from HQ or it is possible to download the latest version.

The County require details of those attending Japanese Jamboree by October this year. To enable us to hold our selection interviews and camp before this time we need to have nominations for those interested in attending to Malcolm McGahan as soon as possible and at the latest **31st July 2013**.

If you are hiring mini-buses for camp this year, please ensure the drivers are insured to drive the vehicle. Different rules apply to different ages and size/weight of vehicle.

Project Compass will go live in Surrey in October 2014. Please check your details on "mybackpack" now.

George Kerr - District Secretary.

All washed up

1st Virginia Water enjoyed their annual fund raising car wash event on Saturday May 11th.

The event was held at the Rose & Crown car park by Thorpe Green so not only did we have passing trade stopping for a car wash, but plenty of friends and local residents to. This year there was no hosepipe ban so with the hose ready, shampoo and water mixed the Beavers, Cubs & Scouts were all at hand to wash and dry the convoy of cars that seemed never ending.



The highlight of the morning was when the Ferrari from the Marenello garage arrived, not that we were allowed to get our sponges too near to the paint work but we were all allowed to sit in the driver and passenger seats.



The eject and start buttons on the dashboard were a great attraction, but the driver assured us that he had the key and had immobilised the vehicle!



Then after 3 hours our wash-a-thon came to an end, the sun was still shining and the shampoo had long since run out.

Sandra Wentworth – GSL.

Tigers take flight at Fairoaks



Cubs from 1st/4th Addlestone (Tigers) Cub Pack spent a very informative and fun evening at Fairoaks Airport in early June. Daniel Johnson, our guide for the evening, was a mine of information and managed to keep the cubs interested (and quiet). We went up in the control tower, looked at all the planes in the hanger and even sat in the pilot's seat on one. All in all a very good evening and one we all enjoyed.

Gareth Jenkins

CSL 1st/4th Addlestone (Tigers) Cub Pack

Notes from the Editor

I can't wait to get all those great pictures of the District camp for the next issue, and I know you're all doing exciting things so why not let the whole District/County know what you have been up to.

When you submit photos please reduce the file size as it makes it easier to handle them.

Chris Couzens

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24th August 2013
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District Diary 2013

July 2013

(School ends 24th)

Mon 15th
Sat 20th

District Executive Meeting
Beaver About

August 2013

September 2013

(School starts 3rd)

Mon 9th
Support

Fellowship/Active

Fri 27th to Sun 29nd

Meeting
Sixers/Seconders Camp

October 2013

(School half term 28th to 1st Nov)

Sat 5th
Fri 11th to Mon 14th

Cubs Fishing Competition
Fellowship/Active support
Weekend Away

Mon 14th
Sun 20th

District Executive Meeting
1st Response Course

November 2013

Mon 4th

Fellowship/Active Support
Meeting

Fri 15th

Cubs Night Hike

December 2013

(School ends 20th)

Tue 3rd

Cubs Christingle Service